

FINAL DRIVE MAKES HILLQUIT A TARGET

Fusionists and Tammany Are Aroused by Menace of Socialist Candidate.

MITCHELL SIDE CONFIDENT

Buckner Says Tide Is Rising Hourly in Favor of the Mayor.

New York city's most bitter municipal campaign will close this week with each side firing its heaviest ammunition in a final drive for victory at the polls November 4. Because of the fact that the issue of Americanism has been injected into the campaign there is keen interest even outside the city in the fight.

As the candidates sweep into the stretch the political judges agree that the Socialist entry, Morris Hillquit, will be a close runner up for Mayor Mitchell and John F. Hyland, the Tammany candidate. While only the wild-eyed hazard the prediction that Mr. Hillquit may come under the wire first, it is a political fact that his vote may be an all-deciding factor in the result.

According to the opinions gathered from the various leaders and from other sources in close touch with the situation, the fight has resolved itself into a neck and neck contest between Judge Hyland and Mayor Mitchell. Mr. Hillquit's vote, which has been variously estimated at from 100,000 to 175,000, may swing the election either way. The Mitchell leaders insist that the great increase in the Socialist vote will come largely from the Democratic party.

Bennett's Campaign Crumbles.

The candidacy of William M. Bennett, the Republican nominee, is steadily becoming weaker and there is plentiful evidence that the antagonism toward Mr. Bennett by certain factions of the Republican party is disappearing as it becomes more and more evident that a vote for Mr. Bennett means a vote for Judge Hyland. It has also been drummed into the intelligence of the Republican voters that the more votes Mitchell loses to Bennett the greater will be the benefit to the Socialist ticket. This state of mind is advanced on the ground that should Mr. Mitchell's vote be seriously cut into by Mr. Bennett the thousands of votes taken from the Democratic candidate and the votes taken from the Republican party by Mr. Hillquit may be sufficient to elect the Socialist nominee.

Facing this remarkable condition the managers of the Democratic and Fusion campaigns will do everything possible during the remaining week to discredit the candidacy of Mr. Hillquit. The Democrats began their drive at Mr. Hillquit two weeks ago and have continued it. It has been noticeable, however, that the Fusionists have not taken much notice of the Socialist entry on the theory that the stronger Mr. Hillquit became the weaker grew the Tammany candidate. But Mr. Hillquit's strength, as shown by straw polls and other indications, has been steadily growing and the Mitchell leaders believe that the time has arrived to attack Hillquit in the hope of swinging the election back to the cause the votes he has temporarily won from that side of the fight.

Intimation of Bombs.

The Mitchell campaign will be the big feature of the closing week of the battle. Great mass meetings and torchlight parades and the participation of Theodore Roosevelt, Charles E. Hughes and other men of national prominence will make things hum all week. In addition there are strong intimations at the Democratic headquarters that "bombs" are to be dropped into the enemy camp during the week that will demoralize the opposition.

The campaign managers, of course, continue to predict victory for their respective tickets. James E. MacBride, the Democratic manager, asserted last night that Judge Hyland will win by at least 150,000. But Mr. MacBride is about the only Democratic chief who mentions such figures. The other managers being content with the 30,000 and 40,000.

The Mitchell leaders grow more confident every day. Emory R. Buckner, the Mitchell manager, said last night: "Mayor Mitchell will win. The evening to Mitchell, which began to make itself felt about eight days ago and which has been growing in strength every day, shows no sign of abating. This election cannot be forecast by party lines or by usual election 'dopes.' Information from all over the city shows certain unmistakable facts.

"Judge Hyland is losing every day and showed his greatest strength the day he was nominated. The reasons for this slump are the exposures concerning his character, his constant flight from questions, his refusal to meet Mayor Mitchell, his canned speeches and efforts to keep behind him a certain disloyal vote without being caught at it.

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"Mr. Bennett is also losing votes every day. His public exhibitions border on the vaudeville and make him ridiculous. His appearance before the Board of Estimate in an effort to criticize the city budget proved him thoroughly incompetent. A vote for Bennett is a vote for Hyland, and this is beginning to be realized. Bennett's candidacy is not a factor in the campaign except as an auxiliary to Tammany Hall in the efforts to defeat Mitchell.

"Mr. Hillquit has been steadily gaining strength from the beginning of the campaign until within two days ago. It is impossible to estimate his vote, but it will be large. He is now at the top of his vote, however, and a recession has already begun and will continue during the next week. This recession is also entirely due to his attacks upon the national Administration and its war policy and to his defiant refusal to buy a Liberty bond and support American boys who are in the trenches.

"Charles Edward Russell, William English Walling, J. G. Phelps Stokes and other Socialists have given their fellow Socialists a shock in pointing out that Hillquit's hammering the Government will prolong the war and will render victory for democracy more difficult. For this reason Mr. Hillquit will receive fewer votes on November 6 than he would receive to-day.

Mitchell Tide Rises.

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Will Show Reductions Made by Courts—Bennett Not to Withdraw.

John F. Hyland, the man who put the "can" in candidate and is also accused by some of the Democrats who have listened to him laboriously reading a speech written for him at Democratic headquarters with having put the "pain" in campaign, came up for air long enough last night to issue a statement attacking the Mayor's administration for being responsible for the reduction of assessments on the property of a number of wealthy New York men and corporations.

The reductions, according to the statement, which was prepared and given out at Democratic headquarters, have been made during the Mayor's administration, most of them in the past two years, and the beneficiaries are friends of the Mayor. Judge Hyland does not state, and it was admitted that no attempt was made to find out, whether the reductions were made voluntarily by the Tax Board or were the result of court proceedings instituted by those assessed.

The total reductions shown amount to \$25,450,000, which, he said, the fifteen men and corporations named the total sum of \$600,000 in taxes. Among the reductions mentioned are the following: New York Central Railroad, \$4,055,500; Consolidated Gas Company, \$4,429,500; Brooklyn Edison Company, \$1,000,000; Third Avenue Railroad Company, \$392,000; banks, trust companies and insurance properties, names not mentioned, \$12,460,000; New York Telephone Company, \$988,000; part of Vincent Astor's holdings, \$2,000,000; part of Senator Ogden L. Mills's holdings, \$255,000; part of Henry Morgenthau's holdings, \$104,800; part of Vanderbilt estate, \$100,000; part of Rockefeller's residence, \$60,000; John D. Rockefeller, Jr.'s residence, \$25,000; Ralph Pulitzer's residence, \$5,000; and George W. Perkins's residence, \$4,500.

It was stated by an official of the Tax Department last night that most of these reductions were made as a result of a court order secured by the owner. A detailed reply to Mr. Hyland's statement will be forthcoming to-day.

One of the fusion leaders last night pointed out that this charge of Judge Hyland, merely emphasizing the Judge's qualifications to speak on governmental matters.

"Judge Hyland, among other things," said he, "has been revealed as the proprietor of a correspondence school for oratory. He took a course in this school and has exhibited its value by failing to make an effective speech during his campaign. One of his other great accomplishments was the invention of a whistle, which no doubt will be used by Mr. Murphy to summon Judge Hyland in the event Mr. Hyland is elected. These accomplishments, along with the Black Diamond Automobile Company, make the Judge eminently fitted to talk on taxation matters."

Several other Tammany men, including Samuel Untermyer and District Attorney Swann, made a bid for publicity yesterday. Mr. Untermyer heatedly denied the implication in Mr. Mitchell's statement Saturday that he is responsible for changing the policy of the Warrent, which became pro-German shortly after Mr. Untermyer's money bought an interest in it, according to the Mayor.

Mr. Swann, on the other hand, denied the Mayor's charge that he had to bring charges of petty graft against a number of clerks in the license bureau to the attention of the Chief City Magistrate because the District Attorney's office had not acted. Mr. Swann insists that he arranged with Chief Magistrate Mead to have the charges tried in public.

At the big Mitchell rally at Madison Square Garden Thursday night, which will be preceded by a torchlight parade in which 40,000 men will participate, marching in six columns, with Mayor Mitchell, Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Henry Morgenthau, Oscar Straus, Comptroller Frederick and the Commissioner Adams, each marching at the head of a column, the principal "punch" of the Mitchell campaign will be delivered. Charles E. Hughes will preside at this

meeting. Among the speakers will be Col. Roosevelt, the Mayor and the other Fusion candidates.

Roosevelt Speaks To-night.

Col. Roosevelt will speak at two meetings to-night and Mayor Mitchell at nine. The list of the meetings follows: Prospect Hall, Brooklyn (Col. Roosevelt will speak at this meeting); Academy of Music, Brooklyn; Cooper Union; Leslie Hall, Eighty-third street and Broadway; Empire Hall, 114th street and Eighth avenue; Blaney's Hall, 131st street and St. Nicholas avenue; Harlem River Park Casino, 127th street and Second avenue (Col. Roosevelt will also speak at this meeting); Manhattan Casino, Eighth avenue and 155th street; Palace Casino, 14 East 135th street.

Judge Hyland will speak at the following places to-night: Schuster's Park, Astoria; Elmhurst High School, Flushing High School, College Point, Muehlbrink Hall and Metropolitan Park and Casino, Maspeth, Long Island. William M. Bennett has not announced his meetings.

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